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E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJECT: FMG INTENTION TO OPEN CONSULATE IN SAN FRANCISCO

1. MEA PERMANENT SECRETARY JOE IYALLA ON NOVEMBER 9 INTRODUCED DISCUSSION EMBASSY ANNEX LOCATION (LAGOS 9095) BY INFORMING ME FMG'S HOPE AND INTENTION TO OPEN A CONSULATE IN SAN FRANCISCO. MONEY HAS BEEN ALLOCATED, PERSONNEL SELECTED, AND STATE JURISDICTIONAL LINES NOW BEING STUDIED. VERY SOON THE USG WILL RECEIVE AN OFFICIAL REQUEST, WHICH FMG HOPES WE WILL HANDLE EXPEDITIOUSLY AND AFFIRMATIVELY.

2. I REPLIED THAT WE ALWAYS HANDLE DIPLOMATIC REQUESTS AS QUICKLY AS POSSIBLE BECAUSE WE REGARD EACH AS IMPORTANT. I ASSUMED THAT HIS EMBASSY IN WASHINGTON WOULD NOTIFY THE DEPARTMENT AFTER FMG MAKES ITS FINAL DETERMINATION. HE STATED THAT NO SERIOUS BUSINESS WOULD BE PASSED TO WASHINGTON EMBASSY AND THAT HE HOPED TO DELIVER THE REQUEST TO US IN LAGOS WITHIN A WEEK TO TEN DAYS.

3. COMMENT: DEPARTMENT'S GUESS IS AS GOOD AS MINE ABOUT JUXTAPOSITION OF TWO ISSUES. IT CERTAINLY WAS NOT ACCIDENTAL; NOTHING IS ACCIDENTAL WITH IYALLA. IT'S LIKELY THAT HE WAS SIMPLY SIGNALING THAT THE ANNEX IS THE LEVER THAT FMG WOULD APPLY IF FOR ANY REASON WE ARE SLOW TO GRANT THE SAN FRANCISCO REQUEST AND THAT ANY LINKAGE WITH PORT HARCOURT WILL BE UNAVAILING. WE OF COURSE WILL PROMPTLY FORWARD REQUEST WHEN WE RECEIVE IT,
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AND AS NOW SEEN FROM LAGOS, I RECOMMEND QUICK APPROVAL.

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